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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ROMANIAN CONCERN WITH U.S. POLICIES

1. ACCORDING TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR HERE, DURING RECENT CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH ROMANIAN CSCE EXPERT VALENTIN LIPATTI, LATTER OPENLY DISPARAGED EMPHASIS WHICH NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS PLACED ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WHEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR ASKED LIPATTI FOR EXPLANATION BEHIND CURRENT ANTI-WESTERN CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAS INCLUDED THE SHOWING OF OLD BBC DOCUMENTARIES CRITICAL OF BRITISH SOCIETY ON ROMANIAN TV, LIPATTI SAID THAT IT WAS NOT PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT UK, BUT AT "OTHERS" (CLEAR IMPLICATION WAS U.S.) AND IF UK WAS INCLUDED IT WAS PRIMARILY FOR "THERAPEUTIC VALUE." BRITISH
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AMBASSADOR INTERPRETED LATTER REMARK AS WARNING THAT UK SHOULD ALSO NOT CATCH "HUMAN RIGHTS DISEASE."

2. BRITISH AND WEST GERMANS HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR (CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN) THAT DURING RECENT VISIT OF FRENCH CSCE EXPERT ANDRIANI HERE, LIPATTI PLAYED ON SAME THEME, CLAIMING THAT

PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICIES WOULD TORPEDO BELGRADE
CONFERENCE AND CALLING THEM A "MALADROITE CROISADE."

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WAS ALSO TOLD BY HIS FRENCH
COLLEAGUE THAT WHEN ANDRIANI SAW FOREIGN MINISTER
MACOVESCU, LATTER REMARKED THAT WHEREAS GOR HAD
PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONFIDENT THAT BELGRADE AND CSCE
PROCESS WAS DEVELOPING SMOOTHLY, NOW IT WAS IN
DANGER OF COLLAPSE. HE SAID THAT U.S. WAS MISTAKEN
IF IT BELIEVED IT COULD PRESSURE THE SOVIET UNION
IN SUCH A WAY AND THAT THE FUTURE OF CSCE, UPON
WHICH GOR PLACED SO MUCH HOPE, WAS NOW JEOPARDIZED
BY U.S. ATTITUDES. REPORTEDLY, ANDRIANI STRONGLY
REBUTTED MACOVESCU'S INTERPRETATION OF EVENTS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HAD NONE OF THIS LINE DIRECTLY, WE
ASSUME THAT ABOVE EXPRESSION OF
CONCERN WAS MEANT TO GET BACK TO US AND BELIEVE
THAT GOR MAY INDEED BE WORRIED ABOUT SUCCESSFUL
BELGRADE MEETING AND CONTINUATION OF A CSCE
PROCESS WHICH PERHAPS PLAYS A GREATER PART IN
ROMANIAN POLISH THAN IN THAT OF ITS WARSAW PACT
ALLIES. NEVERTHELESS, WE FAIL TO SEE HOW
RECENT GOR ACTIONS CAN IN ANY WAY IMPROVE THE
SITUATION. WE WILL USE EARLY OCCASION TO SEE
WHAT LIPATTI AND OTHERS WILL TELL US DIRECTLY.
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